IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.

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Group AU: 1725

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Mail Stop: AMEND – FEE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 12, 2007

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 12, 2006, the period for response having been extended for three (3) months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.